

## Eli Pepper's Celebration

And How They Put a Damper on His Ambitious Spirit

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The old home week committee met in Eli Pepper's little grocery store on the night before the celebration was to begin. As chairman of the committee Eli had presided despotically over his fellow townsmen, and it was with something very like relief that the committee contemplated the dawning of the celebration, for that meant the beginning of the end of Eli's self imposed tyranny.

Eli Pepper had been the leading spirit in the old home week project. He it was who had slyly planted the germ of the idea in the heads of his neighbors. He had talked loudly of the dollars that would roll into the coffers of the merchants, of the free advertising that their village would receive, of the waste land that would be sold to admiring visitors once they had set foot on the picturesque environs of Blue Mills.

All the arrangements were concluded now. Subcommittees of every sort had been appointed until there remained not one respectable citizen of Blue Mills who was not serving in some capacity. Diplomacy required this, and Eli Pepper possessed diplomacy, but his cupidity was greater and in the end proved his downfall.

Eli Pepper as chairman of the committee assumed charge of all the arrangements—hiring a band from Milton, organizing a parade of prominent citizens (with Eli Pepper in the lead, of course), getting up a program of field sports, tub races, greased pole contests, etc.—until some suspicious party hinted that this sudden exhibition of executive ability on the part of Eli Pepper could have been produced only after months of deep scheming. When they realized this fact the members of the committee waxed bitter, and dissension stalked in their midst. The fact that Eli Pepper had obtained the agency for a Milton firm of decorators and every blue millist



"It's a plain American citizen, I am," who did not own flags or bunting was compelled to employ Eli Pepper to decorate his store front with an added grace. Indeed, it might have been said that this fact was the last straw that broke their camel's back of patience.

And so on this warm July evening the old home week committee met for the last time in Eli Pepper's grocery store. All enthusiasm in the project had died out, and there was even animosity displayed because they had been stirred from their rut of summer somnolence.

"I guess that's about all," declared Eli Pepper from his seat on the counter. "Everything is ready now, and if the gentlemen of the reception committee will be at the station to meet Congressman Kelzer tomorrow morning."

"What train?" interrupted one of the gentlemen aforesaid in a sullen tone. "Ten-fifty-two," said Eli in a displeased tone. "Of course I don't reckon you know anything about parliamentary rulings, Jake Fleming, but you didn't oughter interrupt me that way."

"I don't want to know anything about parliamentary rulings," was Mr. Fleming's disdainful retort. "This here is a free country, and you can't come any English political talk over me. Eli Pepper! I'm a plain American citizen, I am, and I won't be drowed by no English sympathizer! You put down congressional rules and I'll be the first man to live up to 'em if I prove of 'em."

"Jake's right, Eli," remarked William Bolling heavily. "You didn't oughter set up any furrin ideas in any of our heads. There's another generation coming up, and you best not interfere with their right as citizens of these United States!" He looked around for approval and was gratified by several smiling nods.

"You've stirred up trouble," grumbled

Henry Staples from his seat on the doorstep. "Stirred up trouble!" ejaculated the astonished Mr. Pepper, kicking his heels excitedly against the counter. "Why, if it hadn't been for me there wouldn't have been no old home week!"

"That's what I mean," returned Henry Staples sourly, and he arose and went away.

Silently the other members of the committee followed his example until at last Eli Pepper was left alone in his store staring in chagrin at the last departing slouching form.

"Great Heck! I'd like to know what's come into them fellows!" he muttered as he pried up the top of the pickle keg, which he had securely nailed before the committee meeting. "I s'pose they're jealous because I've had ginger enough to scrape a little commission here and there. They'll forget all about it to-morrow when Congressman Kelzer gets here and all the crowd."

Where the crowd was coming from Eli Pepper had not calculated. He had announced that a crowd would be there, and he had expected that neighboring villages would hasten forth to participate in Blue Mills' old home week celebration and spend their dollars in that enterprising community. That these villages might be as somnolent as Blue Mills desired to be, if it had not been for Eli Pepper, he did not consider.

He whistled cheerfully as he bustled about his store prying up the cautiously fastened covers of cracker boxes, cheese cases, prune boxes and so forth, until the long room was tidily ready for business in the morning. Many eyes watched Eli Pepper that night as he went about the closing of his store. They saw him open the closed boxes that should have offered refreshments. They saw him come outside and put up all the wooden shutters that securely closed his windows against intrusion. These were barred outside and in and went all around the long low wooden building even to the thatched bachelor Eli used as living apartments. In the bedroom shutters, were circular holes cut to admit air at night. Otherwise the place was as securely shuttered and barred as if it were a bank instead of a grocery store.

At last Eli went within, and the outside wooden door was closed behind him, and the faint pencil of light that shone through chinks in the shutters disappeared. It was so quiet around the corner store that they could hear Eli winding his alarm clock in the bedroom and they could see two round yellow globes of light on the ground where the lamplight shot through the holes in his shutter. Then the yellow globes died out and all was still.

It was, not until Eli Pepper gave vent to regular orchestral announcement that he was deep in slumber that the lurking members of the old home week committee put their plans in operation. Henry Staples put the situation rudely:

"He's snoring to beat the band now," he whispered to his companions. "Come on now."

Stealthily they went, bearing the heavy iron bars that belonged to the wooden shuttered lockup on the hillside. Quietly they removed Eli's wooden bars and replaced them with the iron ones, and when the iron bars gave out they placed out the shutters with crowbars, and in the front of the store they boldly nailed the shutters fast. The front and back doors were treated likewise, and when they had finished Eli Pepper, chairman of the old home week committee and leading spirit of the village of Blue Mills, was as securely locked up as if he had been in the lockup on the hillside.

"It's a good thing there's plenty to eat in there and that Eli's used to getting his own meals," chuckled Henry Staples as they stole away.

"He's got everything to make him happy," grunted William Bolling. "He won't have to nail up no pickle barrels or cracker boxes for a week."

"We can look in the window every night after he's in bed and see if he's well," added Jake Fleming, subduing any uneasiness he might have felt.

"Did you get that sign on the door all right?" asked William Bolling.

"Of course!" snapped Staples. "It says that 'Eli Pepper is suddenly called away and won't return till after old home week is over.' I dropped a note through the hole in the shutter telling him he was to stay there while we run this old home week business. I guess he'll not try to push himself as a leading citizen after this."

"I expect he'll have the law on us," remarked William Bolling heavily. "He don't know who done it," retorted his companions.

The next day Congressman Kelzer delivered an oration to the people of Blue Mills. They listened tolerantly to his discourse, and when he had departed they told each other they'd much rather hear the minister talk. They paraded the village streets to the admiration of their own kin, for no outsiders braved the insufferable heat to come forth and spend their money in Blue Mills. At the end of three days all attempt at a celebration had died out, and the merchants took down their decorations and resumed their accustomed seats on their doorsteps.

Then they prudently set about to release Eli Pepper from his enforced seclusion.

"I'll have the law on ye!" he shouted furiously at his liberators. William Bolling stepped forward heavily.

"You shet up, Eli Pepper, or we'll have the law on you for a malcontent—and dangerous to the peace and happiness of this here village."

Thus Blue Mills planted her foot heavily on the iconoclastic rule of Eli Pepper and went back to the somnolent content of her quiet days.

## TESTIMONY OF FIVE WOMEN

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### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Assessment have filed with the Town Clerk their official preliminary reports, maps and assessments of the whole costs and expenses in the matter of the following improvements, and the same are now open to the inspection of those in interest:

Laying out, opening, straightening, extending and widening of Hoffman boulevard. Notice is also given that the Bloomfield Town Council at a regular meeting held February 5th, 1912, did fix and determine Monday evening, March 4th, 1912, at eight o'clock, at the Bloomfield Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, as the time and place when and where said Council will meet to consider any objections which may be filed in writing to the aforesaid reports, maps and assessments.

By order of the Town Council.  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Assessment have filed with the Town Clerk their official final reports, maps and assessments of the whole costs and expenses in the matter of the following improvements, and the same are now open to the inspection of those in interest:

Laying out, opening, straightening, extending and widening of James street. Notice is also given that the Bloomfield Town Council at a regular meeting held February 5th, 1912, did fix and determine Monday evening, March 4th, 1912, at eight o'clock, at the Bloomfield Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, as the time and place when and where said Council will meet to consider any objections which may be filed in writing to the aforesaid reports, maps and assessments.

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Burglar and Fire Proof Vaults. We have complete facilities for the storage of valuables. Safety Boxes a \$4.00 per annum and upwards. The Bloomfield National Bank.—Adv.

An Appeal to Voters. The legislative committee of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge, acting in co-operation with the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, appeals to all the voters in the town and borough interested in the cause of public school education, to write to the senator and the members of the Assembly from this county to support Senate bill No. 116, introduced by Senator George S. Silzer, and which provides that where boards of education are appointed they shall be so constituted that one or more women shall at all times be a member or members thereof.

In making this appeal to the voters the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge gives reasons which it is claimed make this closer relation a necessity for the better development of the public school system.

They believe that just as the business man accepts the absolute necessity of experience in the proper conduct of his business, of the need of employing men whose education, training and occupation have especially fitted them for his particular line of work, so the same principle must be applied in the efficient conduct of National, State and local affairs. They believe that no more glaring example of the failure to apply this principle in civic affairs can be instanced than in the conduct of the State school system so far as its relations to the women of the State are concerned. They put the question, "Which of a child's parents is it, who from the day the child comes into the world, is constantly busied with its care, moral, mental and physical, through all the years preceding and during its school life?" In the face of this men have so organized the system of public school education, that the women of the State, students and guardians of the children by nature and necessity, have practically no voice in the government of that institution, which more than any other, except the home, permanently influences the life of the children.

Here and there, after a bitter fight, a woman is elected to a school board, but the mothers of the school children are not allowed to vote for her. Here and there under city government a woman member of a school board is appointed, while the mayor is so inclined, but not too much influenced by local politics. In consideration of the price women pay for bringing children into the world, and of the devotion of the best years of their lives to their care and training, it is asked: "Is it not a matter of fundamental justice that women should have representatives of their own sex on all school boards to add to the councils of such boards the woman's point of view?"

Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiropractic, treats all feet ailments. Office room No. 3 Trust Company building.—Adv.

### ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD.

The Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, do ordain as follows: Section 1. That the following Compensation of the Town Officers herein named shall be respectively as follows, for the ensuing year: Town Collector \$1,000 00 Town Clerk 500 00 Town Attorney 200 00 Town Physician 200 00 Chief of Fire Department 200 00 Overseer of the Poor 500 00 Town Treasurer 500 00 Superintendent of Public Works 1,000 00 Recorder 400 00 Town Engineer 500 00 Superintendent of Water 1,200 00 Each Town Councilman 1,000 00 Sergeant of Police 300 00 Roundman 300 00 Each Regular Policeman, appointed to duty 900 00 Assessors 500 00

Provided, however, that the Clerk of the Board of Assessors shall receive the sum of \$200 per annum in addition to his salary as member of said Board.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED FEBRUARY 19, 1912.  
WILLIAM HAUSER,  
Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest:  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

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## Milady's Mirror

Make Your Own Rouge.

If you are dissatisfied with the rouge you are using try making your own. A very simple way of preparing a harmless rouge is by tinting a portion of a tried and true cold cream with carmine. Be sure that only the fruit or vegetable tint is procured for tinting purposes. If a poisonous tint is used where a minute break in the skin of the face or lips is present it is liable to result disastrously, causing blood poisoning or chronic skin disease. A vegetable or fruit carmine powder worked into cold cream (not the disappearing kind) until evenly distributed and placed in a rouge box is a safe and delightful toilet adjunct and a benefit to the skin rather than an injury. By mixing equal portions of faintly pink face powder and pure rice powder a wonderfully transparent blush tint is obtained. White, as a rule, shows plainly against the skin, especially if the complexion inclines toward ivory. Pink has the equally undesirable quality of causing a natural flush to appear almost dead, besides giving a note of artificiality to the face. By blending the two and applying the result with a piece of soft white velvet a clear, fresh tone becoming to almost every complexion is acquired.

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Keep Windows Open. Don't sleep in a closed room. Fresh air is the basis requisite to good health. A sealed chamber is a breeding place of disease.

The lungs utilize the oxygen they breathe and expel their impurities in your exhalations. Within an hour a man consumes all the oxygen in the average room. If the windows and transoms are down and the door is shut thereafter he breathes the foul poison.

Rural communities should, by reason of natural advantages, be practically immune from the "white plague," but statistics show a greater percentage of consumptives among farmers than any other class of people.

Who isn't familiar with the deadly parlor, with its stale atmosphere, where for days at a stretch whole generations of malignant germs are permitted to incubate undisturbed. A week often passes without the admission of sunlight. As well spend an afternoon in a smoke filled tunnel as remain in such a pesthole.

Open the windows even in the rain—far better to spoil a few trumpery lace curtains and spot the carpet than jeopardize your health.

### Beauty Hint For Thin Girl.

The thin girl in the morning, after a sponge bath with a thorough rub, should drink half a glassful of comfortably hot water. When appetite is felt a soft boiled egg, a piece of whole wheat bread thoroughly baked and well buttered and, a little while after, a glass of cool water, not iced, may be taken. The noonday meal should consist of a good clear beef soup, a broiled steak or roast beef, a little boiled rice, a lettuce salad with olive oil dressing and some simple dessert; for supper bread or mutton boiled and good whole wheat bread well buttered. At the close of this meal a cup of hot chocolate is taken and another of hot milk on retiring.

### Perfumed Toilet Articles.

Glaucous over the dressing table of the woman of exquisite taste, one of the first facts to attract attention is that all these little articles of the toilet are marked by the same odor seen on her perfume and scent bottles. Powder, talcum, lip rouge, cold creams, even manicuring articles all disclose the same mark, the result being like a breath of perfume from a bank of flowers. No conflicting and often cloying odors are present to destroy the single scent. Involuntarily you say, "You are fond of violets, aren't you?" or roses or lilacs or lilies or oriental perfumes, as the case may be. As you replace your toilet requisites try having them all of one fragrance.

### A Practical Manicure.

A practical way of keeping the finger nails well in order is that to treat them to one or two strokes of the file every morning. First have them shaped and the cuticle trimmed by a manicurist, then be careful to preserve the shape when filing. In this way nails can be kept looking well for at least a month, and the regular allowance for manicuring will be a fourth or at least a half of the former amount.

Polish the tips slightly after the morning filing, but do not use the buffer until the nails are hot, as this causes them to become brittle.

### Care of False Hair.

If neglected the most costly bought hair is soon worthless—worse, disease, breeding. The puffs, switch or transformation should be brushed as carefully as the real hair and as often. The best way to do it is to put a towel on the lap or table and, spreading the piece on it, brush with a rubber backed hair bristle brush, wet one side, then the other. This removes tangles and does not tear the hair, as does a comb.

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### ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND PROVIDING FOR RAISING BY TAXATION MONIES FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 1912.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, and State of New Jersey, as follows: There shall be assessed, raised by taxation and collected, monies for public purposes for the year 1912 upon personal property of persons residing in, and upon all lands and real estate located within the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, the following sums of money for the purposes hereinafter expressed, to wit:

- For lighting the streets of the town, \$2,000
- For support of the Police Department, 15,000
- For the maintenance of the Fire Department, 5,000
- For regulating, cleaning and keeping in repair streets and public ways, 25,000
- For the relief of the poor, 5,000
- For payment of interest upon the debt of the town as same shall from time to time be incurred, 25,700
- For the general and incidental expenses of the town, including the printing and publication of the Minutes of the Council, ordered by law to be published, 12,500
- For the maintenance and use of a Sinking Fund Commission, as required by law, 5,000
- For the support of the public school, 25,000
- For the police pension fund, 500

Ordinance adopted February 5, 1912.

WILLIAM HAUSER,  
Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest:  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

### ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD," ADOPTED MARCH 19, NINETEEN HUNDRED, WHICH AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED AUGUST 1, 1904.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, as follows:

That section one of the ordinance to which this ordinance is an amendment shall read as follows: Section 1. That the following Companies and Organizations and such other Companies or Organizations as the Town Council shall from time to time either by ordinance or resolution designate and approve shall constitute the Fire Department of the Town of Bloomfield, to wit:

- Essex Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, twenty-five men.
- Phoenix Hose Company, No. 1, twenty-one men.
- Active Hose Company, No. 2, twenty-one men.
- Excelsior Hose Company, No. 3, twenty-one men.
- Montgomery Hose Company, No. 4, twenty-one men.
- Brookdale Hose Company, No. 5, twenty-one men.

Ordinance Adopted February 5, 1912.

WILLIAM HAUSER,  
Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest:  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

### NOTICE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, held on the 5th day of February, 1912:

Whereas, it is the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a concrete curb and sidewalk be constructed on both sides of Cottage Place, hereinafter more particularly described; and Whereas, the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, is the owner of said town and has a concrete curb and concrete sidewalk constructed on both sides of Cottage Place in said Town of Bloomfield; Beginning in Cottage place at the easterly curb line of Spring street, thence running along Cottage place in an easterly direction three hundred and twenty-five (225) feet, more or less, and ending there.

The above described curb and sidewalk to be constructed on both sides of Cottage place.

Notice is hereby given that objections to the writing to the above resolution or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, March 4, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

By order of the Town Council.  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS,  
Town Clerk.

January 8, 1912.

### ESTATE OF AUGUSTA SWOL.

Is hereby deceased. Pursuant to the order of ISAAC SHOENFELT, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, executor of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

GRETCHEN S. FRENCH.

Pitch & Pitch, Protectors.

### ESTATE OF GEORGE PETER.

Is hereby deceased. Pursuant to the order of ISAAC SHOENFELT, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, executor of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

ANNA M. PETERSON.

Pitch & Pitch, Protectors.

### Notice of Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the subscriber, the executor of Sarah D. Hubbard, deceased, who was the administratrix of Mary Francis Fiebo deceased, will be submitted to the creditors of said deceased for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex on Friday, the 5th day of January next.

ADDISON S. HAZELTINE.

Dated November 22, 1911.

### ESTATE OF CYRUS PARSONS.

Is hereby deceased. Pursuant to the order of ISAAC SHOENFELT, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, executor of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

JEANETTE ACKERMAN.

Barrett and Barrett, Protectors.

Harry Maier, the hardware dealer, Nos. 449-451 Bloomfield avenue, is displaying a large new stock of Yale & Towne blunt door checks, and is also making a fine window display of general hardware.—Adv.